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Honorable Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J.  
United States District Court  
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Honorable Rukhsanah L. Singh, U.S.M.J.  
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Re: *Johnson & Johnson Talcum Powder Products, Marketing, Sales Practices and  
Products Liability Litigation*  
**Case No.: 3:16-md-02738-MAS-RLS**

Dear Judge Shipp and Judge Singh:

I write in follow up to my letter of September 6 (ECF 33263) which was sent in response to the PSC's letter of September 5 (Dkt. No. 33260), in which the PSC purports to select not one, but two cases (Judkins and Rausa) to be consolidated for the first bellwether trial in this MDL.

I hesitate to file yet another motion given the workload before the Court in the run up to the December trial of this matter and therefore wanted to confirm whether the Court intends to entertain the PSC's proposal to select two cases for the first trial notwithstanding Judge Wolfson's prior ruling that this would be a single trial. If the Court is going to consider possibly departing from Judge Wolfson's decision, we will go ahead and file a brief on the topic by the end of next week.


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Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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